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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

MAY 2009

Red meat production in **Colorado** during May 2009 totaled 162.1 million pounds, down 18 percent from the 197.3 million pounds produced during May 2008 and 4 percent below April 2009. The accumulated production for the first five months of this year now totals 836.7 million pounds, down 6 percent from the 889.8 million pounds produced during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill during May decreased 19 percent from the previous year to 197,200 head. The average live weight of 1,261 pounds was 13 pounds above the average for May 2008. Hog slaughter remained unchanged at 600 head and the average live weight increased to 257 pounds, up 4 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in May, down 7 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in May 2008. Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, down 9 percent from May 2008. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,264 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 10 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,100 head, down 8 percent from May 2008. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.45 million head, down 7 percent from May 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 13 percent from May 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 184,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 5 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2009 commercial red meat production was 20.1 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States ^{1/}

Area and Specie	May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	January-May	
				2008	2009
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	197.3	169.7	162.1	889.8	836.7
United States	4,222.0	4,083.9	3,919.3	20,995.4	20,139.5
Beef.....	2,380.1	2,133.1	2,179.7	11,007.7	10,560.9
Veal.....	11.5	11.2	10.3	57.0	56.6
Pork.....	1,815.5	1,924.1	1,716.3	9,854.8	9,451.5
Lamb & Mutton.....	15.0	15.5	13.0	76.0	70.4

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

2009 JUNE ACREAGE

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Moist conditions combined with moderate temperatures delayed crop progress this spring according to the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) Colorado Field Office. Water restrictions for irrigation remain in effect for many prime growing areas in the state and directly influenced planting decisions once again this year. Actual harvested acreage will depend in large part on the amount of moisture received during the coming months.

Colorado **corn** producers intend to harvest 1,000,000 acres for grain from the 1,150,000 acres planted in 2009. This is a decrease of 7 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and an 8 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 210,000 acres, decreased 9 percent from the previous year but acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 140,000, decreased 7 percent as growers expect to harvest a larger proportion of planted acres for grain. **Winter wheat** producers expect to harvest 2,400,000 acres from the revised 2,600,000 acres planted in the fall of 2008. This is 500,000 acres more than last year's harvested area.

Spring wheat seedings, at 30,000 acres, are 10,000 acres less than a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 29,000 acres, down from 36,000 last year. **Oat** seedings are up 44% from last year to 65,000 acres and producers plan to harvest 10,000 acres for grain, up from 7,000 acres in 2008. **Barley** planted area, at 80,000 acres, is unchanged from last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 78,000, are 8 percent above 2008. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 200,000 acres this year, down 26 percent from 2008.

All hay area to be harvested is expected to increase 30,000 acres from a year ago to 1,600,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** acreage is expected to increase 20,000 from last year to 840,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage harvested is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 760,000 acres.

Sugarbeet plantings increased 2,500 acres from last year to 36,300 acres. The expected harvested area, at 36,200 acres, is 7,600 acres above last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 50,000, are up 4 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 46,000.

All sunflower planted area, at 95,000 acres, is 99,000 acres below last year and the smallest area in sunflowers since 1997. Oil type varieties totaled 80,000 acres, down 90,000 while non-oil type varieties are set at 15,000 acres, down 9,000. **Summer potatoes** showed a 9 percent decline in planted acres to 4,000 with the expected harvested acreage set at 3,800 acres.

**Planted and Harvested Acres,
Colorado and United States, 2008-2009**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres	
	2008	2009	2008	Intended 2009
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres	
COLORADO:				
All Corn 1/.....	1,250	1,150	1,080	1,000
All Sorghum 1/.....	230	210	150	140
All Wheat	2,190	2,630	1,936	2,429
Winter Wheat	2,150	2,600	1,900	2,400
Spring Wheat.....	40	30	36	29
Oats	45	65	7	10
Barley	80	80	72	78
Proso Millet.....	270	200	230	3/
All Hay			1,570	1,600
Alfalfa Hay.....			820	840
Other Hay.....			750	760
Sugarbeets	33.8	36.3	28.6	36.2
Dry edible beans.....	48.0	50.0	44.0	46.0
Sunflower, All	194.0	95.0	162.0	87.0
Oil	170.0	80.0	143.0	73.0
Non-Oil	24.0	15.0	19.0	14.0
Summer potatoes.....	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.8
UNITED STATES:				
All Corn 1/.....	85,982	87,035	78,6450	80,107
All Sorghum 1/.....	8,284	6,960	7,271	5,968
All Wheat 2/.....	63,147	59,775	55,685	50,445
Winter Wheat	46,281	43,448	39,614	34,787
Spring Wheat.....	14,135	13,772	13,487	13,205
Oats	3,217	3,158	1,395	1,426
Barley	4,234	3,627	3,767	3,142
Rye	1,260	1,257	269	278
Proso Millet.....	520	405	460	3/
All Hay			60,062	60,177
Alfalfa Hay.....			20,980	20,982
Other Hay.....			39,082	39,195
Sugarbeets	1,090.8	1,172.9	1,004.6	1,130.9
Dry edible beans.....	1,495.0	1,458.6	1,445.2	1,396.8
Sunflower, All	2,516.5	2,098.0	2,396.0	1,997.0
Oil	2,163.0	1,784.0	2,062.0	1,702.2
Non-Oil	24.0	15.0	19.0	14.0
Summer potatoes.....	47.0	44.0	44.8	42.5
Soybeans	75,718	77,483	74,641	76,547

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/ Includes Durum Wheat.

3/ To be released January 2008 in the Annual Crop Summary.

87.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year but 7 percent lower than 2007. This is the second largest acreage since 1946, behind 2007. Growers expect to harvest 80.1 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 97 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the 10-year average of 98 percent.

The 2009 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 43.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2008 but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. States in the Corn Belt and Delta are all down from 2008, with Arkansas and Missouri down 600,000 and 450,000 acres, respectively. Acreage in Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas is up a combined 1.15 million acres from 2008. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 34.8 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Despite large increases in planted acres, harvested acres in Oklahoma and Texas are down 900,000 and 850,000, respectively, as both States have experienced below normal precipitation during the growing season.

**GRAIN STOCKS
JUNE 1, 2009**

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2009 totaled 9.54 million bushels, up 40 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks increased to 2.5 million bushels from the 950,000 bushels produced on-hand last year and off-farm stocks were up 20 percent to 7.04 million bushels. Corn stocks, at 33.56 million bushels, were up 5 percent from a year ago. Farm stocks were up to 20.0 million bushels but off-farm stocks were down 19 percent to 13.56 million bushels.

Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States June 1, 2008-2009

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Bushels			
All wheat				
On farms.....	950	2,500	25,635	140,745
Off farms.....	5,880	7,040	280,183	526,299
Total.....	6,830	9,540	305,818	667,044
Corn				
On farms.....	15,000	20,000	1,970,900	2,205,400
Off farms.....	16,835	13,560	2,057,117	2,060,153
Total.....	31,835	33,560	4,028,017	4,265,553
Barley				
On farms.....	3/	3/	9,950	27,010
Off farms.....	1,895	2,900	58,273	61,560
Total.....	3/	3/	68,223	88,570
Oats				
On farms.....	3/	3/	16,100	17,480
Off farms.....	65	55	50,674	66,656
Total.....	3/	3/	66,774	84,136
Sorghum				
On farms.....	3/	3/	7,000	11,800
Off farms.....	495	370	94,019	89,064
Total.....	3/	3/	101,019	100,864
Soybeans				
On farms.....	2/	2/	226,600	226,300
Off farms.....	2/	2/	449,543	370,744
Total.....	2/	2/	676,143	597,044

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 2/ Not estimated. 3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The 2009 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at

Nationally, Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 4.27 billion bushels, up 6 percent from June 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 2.21 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 12 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.06 billion bushels, are up slightly from a year ago. The March - May 2009 indicated disappearance is 2.69 billion bushels, compared with 2.83 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 597 million bushels, down 12 percent from June 1, 2008. On-farm stocks totaled 226 million bushels, down slightly from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 371 million bushels, are down 18 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2009 quarter totaled 705 million bushels, down 7 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 667 million bushels, up 118 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 141 million bushels, up 449 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 526 million bushels, are up 88 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2009 indicated disappearance is 373 million bushels, down 7 percent from the same period a year earlier.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES JUNE 15, 2009

Colorado wheat, at \$5.61 per bushel for mid-June 2009, decreased 41 cents from the previous month and was \$2.02 lower than June a year ago. Mid-June corn prices decreased 4 cents below May to \$3.93 per bushel and decreased \$1.11 below June 2008. The mid-June potato price, at \$7.85 per cwt, 5 cents above last month but was down \$5.55 per cwt below June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at \$155.00 per ton, decreased \$5.00 from last month but was \$5.00 above a year ago. Other hay price, at \$120.00 per ton, decreased \$5.00 from last month and was \$10.00 below June a year ago. The mid-June steer and heifer price was \$3.50 below last month at \$92.60 per cwt and averaged \$10.50 below the \$103.00 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices were down \$2.00 from last month to \$49.00 per cwt and were \$6.60 per cwt below June 2008. Calf prices, at \$112.00 per cwt, decreased \$1.00 from May and were \$2.00 lower than the \$114.00 per cwt received a year ago.

Prices Received and Paid Summary United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	May	June	May	June
	Percent			
Prices Received	152	158	130	135
Prices Paid	184	187	178	179
Ratio 1/	83	84	73	75

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.8 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 12 points (8.0 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1

point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for tomatoes, soybeans, broilers, and cantaloups and lower prices for cattle, strawberries, milk, and hay. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, strawberries, and sweet corn.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		June 2008	May 2009	June 2009
Crops				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	7.63	6.02	5.61
Corn	Bu.	5.04	3.97	3.93
Barley (All)	Bu.	2/	2/	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	13.40	7.80	7.85
Dry edible beans	Cwt	33.00	30.90	33.60
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	150.00	160.00	155.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	130.00	125.00	120.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	102.00	95.10	91.60
Steers & heifers	Cwt	103.00	96.00	92.50
Cows	Cwt	55.60	51.00	49.00
Calves	Cwt	114.00	113.00	112.00
Sheep	Cwt	26.00	31.00	3/
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	100.00	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	18.80	11.80	11.50
United States				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	7.62	5.84	5.69
Corn	Bu.	5.47	3.97	3.93
Soybeans	Bu.	13.10	10.70	11.60
Barley (All)	Bu.	4.78	4.59	4.84
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	5.49	2.99	2.95
Sorghum	Cwt	10.10	5.98	6.08
Potatoes	Cwt	10.78	9.62	9.73
Dry edible beans	Cwt	33.50	31.40	32.20
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	172.00	138.00	128.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	130.00	113.00	107.00
Onions	Cwt	17.60	21.50	18.70
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	91.90	83.20	80.80
Steers & heifers	Cwt	96.50	87.80	85.40
Cows	Cwt	54.40	49.10	45.50
Calves	Cwt	118.00	112.00	111.00
Sheep	Cwt	24.50	31.90	3/
Lambs	Cwt	102.00	101.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	53.40	44.50	43.90
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	19.30	11.60	11.40
Broilers	Lb.	0.48	0.49	0.51

1/ Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments. 2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 3/ Mid-month not estimated. 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

The United States food grains June index, at 194, is 3.5 percent below the previous month and 24 percent below a year ago. The United States June all wheat price, at \$5.69 per bushel, is down 15 cents from May and \$1.93 below June 2008. The corn price, at \$3.93 per bushel, is down 4 cents from last month and \$1.54 below June 2008. The all hay price, at

\$123 per ton, is down \$8.00 from May and \$38.00 from last June. The soybean price, at \$11.60 per bushel, increased 90 cents from May but is \$1.50 below June 2008. The all dry bean price, at \$32.20 per cwt, is up 80 cents from the previous month but \$1.30 below June 2008.

The June Livestock and Products Index, at 107, is down 2.7 percent from last month and 13 percent lower than last year. The June hog price, at \$43.90 per cwt, is down 60 cents from May and \$9.50 lower than a year ago. The June beef cattle price of \$80.80 per cwt is down \$2.40 from last month and \$11.10 lower than June 2008. The June all milk price of \$11.40 per cwt is down 20 cents from last month and down \$7.90 from June 2008.

HOGS AND PIGS

JUNE 1, 2009

The June 1, 2009 inventory of all hogs and pigs in **Colorado** totaled 740,000 head, down 3 percent from a year earlier. The breeding inventory at 150,000 head, remained unchanged from last year, but the market hog inventory decreased 3 percent to 590,000 head. During the December 2008 - May 2009 period, 146,000 sows farrowed, down 12 percent from a year ago. The number of pigs born during the period totaled 1.28 million, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The number of pigs per litter during the Dec - May time periods averaged 8.79 down from 8.95 pigs per litter a year earlier.

Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 2008-2009

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head			
All Hogs & Pigs	760	740	67,400	66,079
Kept for breeding	150	150	6,131	5,967
Market	610	590	61,269	60,112
Under 60 lbs.....	310	315	22,197	21,673
60-119 lbs	115	90	15,321	15,008
120-179 lbs	70	70	12,892	12,584
180 lbs. & over	115	115	10,860	10,847
Sows Farrowed:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb	84	74	3,071	2,978
Mar. thru May	81	72	3,052	2,971
Dec. thru May 2/	165	146	6,123	5,949
Pig Crop:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb	760	636	28,387	28,230
Mar. thru May	717	648	28,630	28,547
Dec. thru May 2/	1,477	1,284	57,017	56,777

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2009 was 66.1 million head. This was down 2 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2009 pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down slightly from 2008 but up 2 percent from 2007. Sows

farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 3 percent from 2008 and down 2 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the March-May 2009 period, compared to 9.38 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the June-August 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for September-November 2009, at 2.96 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2008 and down 7 percent from 2007. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 41 percent last year.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2008 through March 2009 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, adjustments of less than one percent were made to the December 2008 total inventory and March 2009 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one and a half percent was made to the September-November 2008 pig crop.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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